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(54) Title: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS AND THERAPEUTICAL TREATMENT WITH OLIGO-BETA-(1, 3)-GLUCANS

(57) Abstract: A therapeutic method comprising administration of a composition comprising an amount of oligo- $\beta$ -(1, 3)-glucan and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, to a human being or to a warm-blood animal suffering from a disease selected from the group consisting in a tumor, a cancer, a viral disease, a bacterial disease, a fungal disease, a disease of the immune system, an auto-immune disease or a disease related to a deficiency of immunostimulation, wherein the amount of oligo- $\beta$ -(1, 3)-glucan is effective to treat the disease.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER					
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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  

Although claims 1-10 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
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## Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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see additional sheet

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1-3 (partially), 4 (completely), 5-11 (partially)

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1. claims: 1-3 (partially), 4 (completely), 5-11 (partially).

The use of an oligo-beta-(1,3)-glucan for the treatment of tumour or cancer.

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2. claims: 1-3 (partially), 5-11 (partially).

The use of an oligo-beta-(1,3)-glucan for the treatment of a viral disease.

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3. claims: 1-3 (partially), 5-11 (partially).

The use of an oligo-beta-(1,3)-glucan for the treatment of a bacterial disease.

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4. claims: 1-3 (partially), 5-11 (partially).

The use of an oligo-beta-(1,3)-glucan for the treatment of a fungal disease.

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5. claims: 1-3 (partially), 5-11 (partially).

The use of an oligo-beta-(1,3)-glucan for the treatment of a disease of the immune system, an autoimmune-disease or a disease related to a deficiency of immunostimulation.

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